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August 5, 1966

Mr. E. W. Woodard
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Dear Woody:

Thank you for your letter of explanation and your kind remarks received yesterday. Sue and I were happy to have James and you in our home along with others. It was our pleasure, we assure you.

I did understand the nature of your visit and realized that what you stated in your letter would have to occur before any meaningful steps could be taken. I will be coming your way in the next several months on a number of occasions and will make my plans to visit with you. I will inform you of my arrival time so that you can have some of the men available for the meeting. I have made note of your telephone numbers and will be in touch with you.

Thank you so much for your letter of explanation. I do appreciate your making this trip over to visit with us. If in God's plan and by the Holy Spirit's direction, we are permitted to work together in the future, I know that much good can be done. I consider the Shaw Street congregation one of the potentially great churches of our entire brotherhood. I send all of the elders my prayers and best wishes.

Faternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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July 29, 1966

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Mr. John Allen Chalk
Highland Church of Christ
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Dear John Allen:

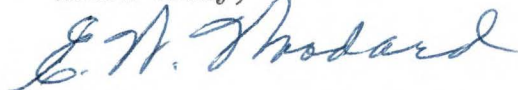
Let me take this opportunity to thank you for extending the hospitality of your home to James and I, and also for the blessing of Christian association that we all enjoyed at that time. I count this as one of the greatest joys to be experienced in the Kingdom of God, and from time to time, I hunger and thirst for these fellowships because they are not available just anytime.

The thought occurs to me that perhaps you and Sue could have been left with the impression that nothing tangible came out of our meeting. If this is the case, it is due to an oversight on my part in not clearly establishing my purpose and intent for coming to Abilene. I hope you understand that as far as we (the elders at Shaw Street) are concerned, this meeting was for mutual familiarization and that any further contact would necessarily be dependent on your situation. What I should have emphasized before leaving was that we certainly find a kinship of philosophy and that we appreciate the efforts you are making to stand up for what we both believe to be right and necessary for the full "coming of the Kingdom" in the hearts and lives of men and women in this generation. I know that we all feel strongly that the salvation of many depend on this very thing.

The step that I would like to suggest next is this. At the earliest possible date in which you are flying anywhere east, plan to detour by Houston and spend even a few hours here with as many of the elders as it would be possible for me to get together at that time. After such a meeting as that, I believe we would know better just how diligent our efforts would have to be in pursuit of a pulpit man. Whether this is actually accomplished or not at such a meeting, I want you and the other elders to get better acquainted.

If such a situation can be foreseen anytime soon, just call me in the evening at GR-3-1239, or the church secretary, Rosemary Newman, during the day at GR-2-4371. I'll look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours truly,



E. W. WOODARD

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